

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fun and Achieve!

OUR VISION

In our St. Bartholomew's family, we want everyone in our school to flourish and succeed. We believe that everyone is unique and created in God's own image, each with their own special gifts, skills, talents and abilities.

Our vision is one where we will create a warm and caring environment:
where children aspire to be the best that they can be;
where they are encouraged to believe in themselves;
where they are challenged to develop in to wonderful human beings who help to create a better world for the children of the future;
where Jesus and His teachings are central.

This vision is rooted in the Bible: Psalm 1 v1-3

Aspire and Believe
Flourish and Succeed
within the heart of
God's family

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WELCOME

The children, staff and governors of St Bartholomew's welcome you to our happy school. We are a Church of England school that believes in providing a well-rounded education, where everyone's talents can be nurtured and celebrated.

This prospectus will give you the information and a flavour of the education we can offer your child, but we invite you to visit us to experience the very special atmosphere at St Bartholomew's. We are very proud of our children and staff and keen for you to see us in action.



We want everyone to feel safe, healthy, happy and successful

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Fun and Achieve! The key to our children’s success.

OUR SCHOOL

Fun and Achieve! Our school motto is the key to our children's success. We know that children learn best when they enjoy their learning and the principles of excellence and enjoyment are central to St. Bartholomew's philosophy.

At our school children really matter and every child's ability is recognised, developed and rewarded. We welcome children from a range of backgrounds and abilities.

Each child's progress is monitored and where appropriate, we provide extra support and new challenges for individual children.

Our creative, exciting and skills based curriculum provides challenging and practical opportunities which extend and broaden children's learning.

The curriculum is enhanced through a range of specialised experiences including: educational visits, artists and performers coming into school and outward bound residentials.

A school where "pupils' success and well-being lie at the heart."

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EARLY PHASE
RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2

A SPECIAL START

“I like playing in the construction area because it teaches me how to build houses and garages like my dad.”

YEAR 1 PUPIL

In the Early Phase, we provide a secure, friendly and exciting environment in which our younger children flourish.

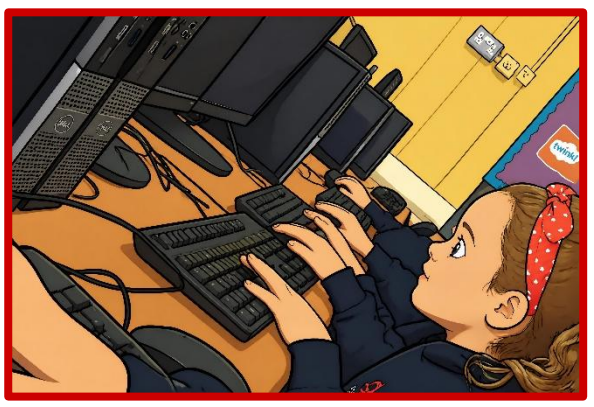
In Reception, children work towards the Early Learning Goals and approach all aspects of learning through play.

The key skills of Reading, Writing and Mathematics are at the heart of the Early Phase. These are taught using a motivating, child centred curriculum which ensures children are keen to learn and proud of their achievements. We use all areas of the school, inside and outside, to enrich their learning experience.

We make sure every child gets a very special start to their school life, one that lays firm foundations for their future development and success.







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In the Middle Phase, our children are already established learners and can apply their English, Mathematical and Computing skills to discover more about their world. They love being able to express themselves confidently through talk, drama and in their writing.

Many of our children start to question and reason and want to clarify their ideas with their teacher and their parents.

By now, most of our children are taking advantage of the many clubs and activities which we run outside the classroom. These include:

- Choir
- Art Club
- Football
- Netball
- Rounders
- Spanish
- Running

Every child in the Middle Phase enjoys a year of free instrumental tuition and by the end of this phase, our pupils have acquired a wealth of skills and knowledge, which enables them to move on to the next stage of their education with confidence.

MIDDLE PHASE
YEARS 3 & 4

NEW CHALLENGES

"We get lots of challenging work that makes us think and work together."

YEAR 4 PUPIL







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LATER PHASE
YEARS 5 & 6

INDEPENDENT LEARNERS

“A school with a strong sense of community and friendship.”

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In Years Five and Six, our pupils make effective use of their English, Mathematical, Computing and analytical skills to extend their learning across the curriculum. They use their knowledge and skills to find out things for themselves, developing into lifelong learners.

Independence and taking responsibility are key features of the Later Phase. Our pupils contribute to the life of the school, leading the Pupil Voice and becoming Prefects and House Captains. Pupils are also chosen to become Head Boy and Girl and take an active role in the leadership of the school.

They are also encouraged to be valuable members of the wider community. They contribute to charity fundraising such as: Guide Dogs and Children In Need as well as getting involved in concerts, exhibitions and links with local businesses.

A special feature for Years Four and Five is the school residential trip where pupils learn about themselves and others by taking part in adventurous and challenging outdoor activities. Year Six children visit London on an overnight trip; this includes taking in a West End show.

Like the Middle Phase, the children enjoy a further two years of free instrumental tuition meaning that by the time the children leave us, they will have had the opportunity to learn at least four musical instruments.

Our children are taught and encouraged to become reflective learners. They leave St. Bartholomew’s with a real sense of achievement and an enthusiasm for the future.

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Children are responsible and valued citizens of the community.



At St. Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School, we believe it is important to develop core Christian Values.

These are incorporated within our daily lives and help to nurture a moral and spiritual awareness. These values impact within our school as they are embedded in the Christian faith, the Bible and Teachings of Jesus.

The School's Worship Team, working alongside both staff and members of the Governing Body decided upon our school's Christian Values. They are:
Hope
Thankfulness
Love and Friendship
Service
Forgiveness
Trust and Honesty

Each Christian Value is focused on half-termly. Additionally, the Christian Value of Respect is linked to the school's Golden Rule and is focused on at all times.

As a Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School, the majority of our school governors are Foundation Governors appointed by our local Parish Church – St. Bartholomew's. Links with the church are strong and children regularly attend and contribute towards worship.

FAITH

CHRISTIAN VALUES

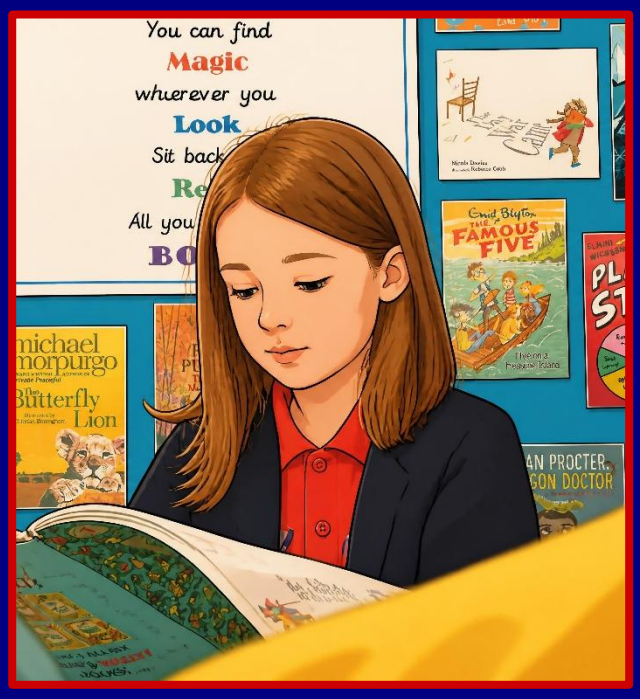
"St. Bartholomew's is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish."

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St. Bartholomew's is also an active member of the 'Westhoughton' cluster of schools. Children's learning is enriched through inter-school activities embracing sports, Computing, Arts, Gifted and Talented workshops and many more. Additionally, there are close links with the local High School – Westhoughton High School – where the majority of our Year 6 children go to.

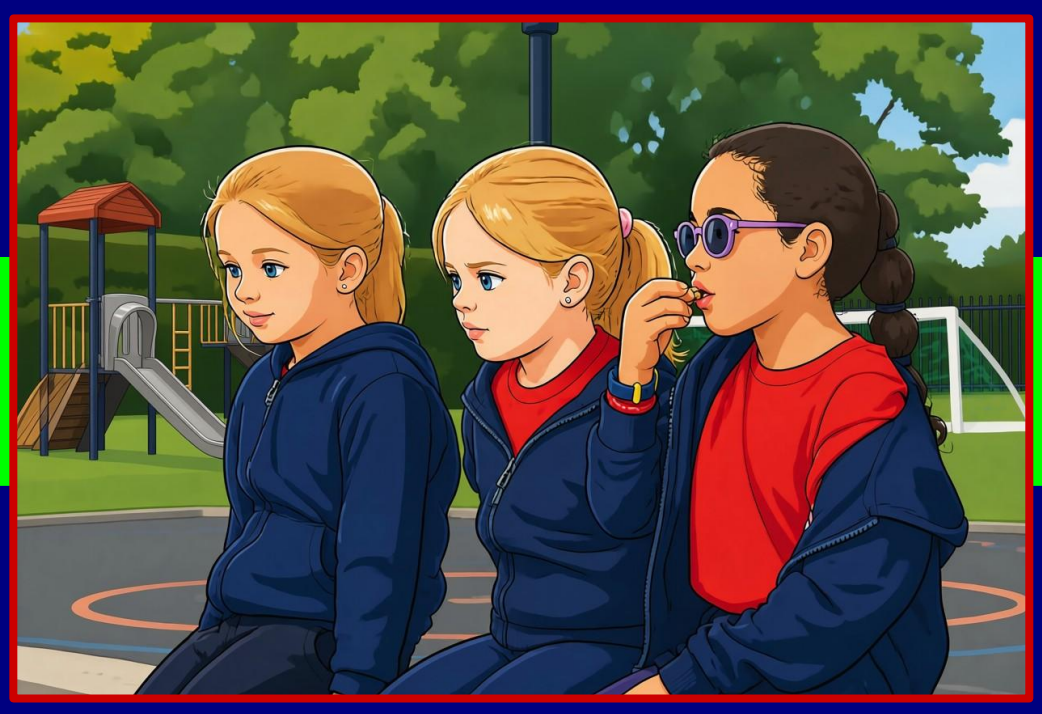




'St. Bartholomew's is a school to be proud of. We have the capacity to move things even further building on our good school in order to make it outstanding.'

Foundation Governor





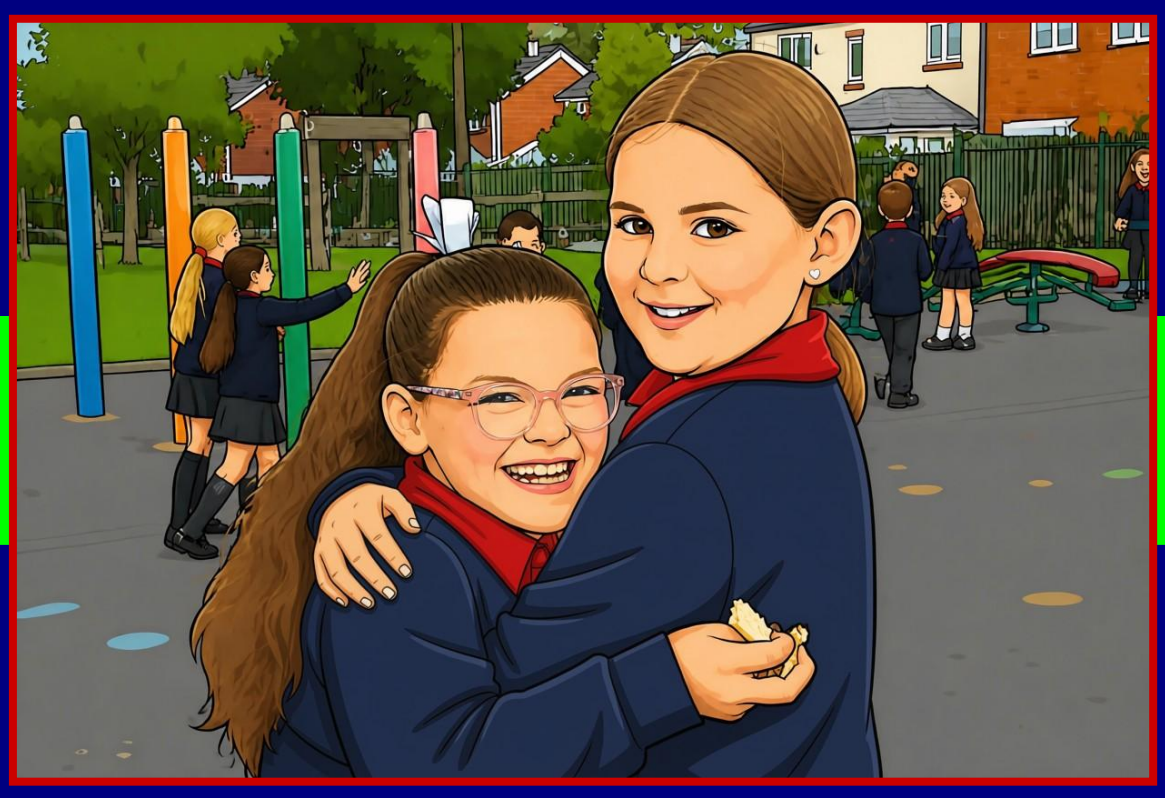


St. Bartholomew's has a strong Friends' Association which actively organises social and fundraising events throughout the year. All parents, carers and friends are welcome to become involved in such diverse events as discos, lotteries, bingo and fairs. All the money that is raised directly benefits all children in school.

'The school has a lovely family feel; a real emphasis on interesting learning seems to be paramount. There is a drive and enthusiasm in making the school as good as it can be.'

Reception Parent







And finally…

Thank you for taking time to read this prospectus. We hope that it has given you an insight into what takes place at St. Bartholomew's CE Primary School.

Naturally, any prospectus can only answer some questions. Please feel free therefore to visit our school at any time for further details and a tour of the school. You and your child will always be given a warm welcome.



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